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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

FOR: GEORGE F. LAMKIN

2407 LYNNRAE LANE

WICHITA, KANSAS 67210

1. I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOSPITAL IN CAEN REPORTED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY PARIS THAT YOUR MOTHER, MRS. AUGUSTINE LAMKIN (BORN OCTOBER 1896 AT LORE, ORNE, FRANCE) DIED IN THE HOSPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1975 AT 6:30 A.M. OF A VASCULAR BREAKAGE. HER BODY IS STILL AT HOSPITAL.
2. I GREATLY REGRET DELAY ADVISING YOU OF HER DEATH. AS I EXPLAINED AFTERNOON SEPT. 19 ON TELEPHONE TO MR. ROBERT LAMKIN EMBASSY DID NOT LEARN OF YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS LATER AND THEN FROM UNDERTAKER CHRISTIAN ROSSIGNOL IN CAEN WHOM YOU HAD CONTACTED. HOSPITAL EXPLAINED THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW ANYONE AT EMBASSY SPOKE FRENCH SO DID NOT ADVISE US DIRECTLY. HOSPITAL HAD TRIED TELEPHONE YOU AT NOUVELLE HOTEL MONDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 15, BUT YOU HAD ALREADY CHECKED OUT. HOSPITAL NEVER ABLE COMPLETE CONNECTION MONDAY EVENING WHEN YOU TELEPHONED FROM PARIS AIRPORT AND LOST YOUR US ADDRESS IN FILE MIX UP. HOSPITAL EXPRESSES SINCERE APOLOGIES.

3. YOUR COUSIN, FATHER ANTOINE HEROUX, WILL BE AT 30 RUE LHOMOND PARIS 75005 TEL: 707-49-09 FOR NEXT WEEK AND HAS

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VOLUNTEERED HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS RETURN YOUR MOTHER'S

BODY TO U.S. HE HAS ALREADY ADVISED YOUR RELATIVES IN
NORMANDY OF YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH.

4. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND UNDERTAKER YOU CONTACTED IN
CAEN, MR. ROSSIGNOL, TEL:86-25-98 URGENTLY REQUIRE
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISPOSITION YOUR MOTHER'S
REMAINS. ROSSIGNOL ADVISES COST OF EMBALMING AND
AIRSHIPMENT HER REMAINS FROM PARIS VIA CHICAGO TO
WICHITA WILL BE ABOUT 11,150 FRANCS OR ABOUT \$2,650
IF YOU STILL WISH HIM CARRY OUT YOUR AGREEMENT WITH
HIM.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION I AM REPEATING ESTIMATES I
PREVIOUSLY GAVE YOU IN CASE YOU WISH CHANGE YOUR PLANS:
BURIAL COSTS PARIS, FRANCE DOLLARS 1,000; CREMATION
PARIS, FRANCE DOLLARS 800; EMBALMING AND AIR SHIPMENT
TO NEW YORK DOLLARS 2,800; CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT
TO NEW YORK 1,500.

6. UPON RECEIPT REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL
BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
ESTIMATE MINIMUM 7 DAYS REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF
FUNDS TO COMPLETE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS. AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE, SHIPMENT DATA WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO
FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT.

IFYOU WANT ADVISE FATHER HEROUX OF YOUR INTENTIONS,
WE WILL ASSIST HIM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.

7. UPON COMPLETION ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF A REPORT
OF DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN TO BE PREPARED BY EMBASSY
WILL BE SENT TO YOU. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE SYMPATHY
IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. I KNOW DEATH, EVEN WHEN EXPECTED
IS TERRIBLE SHOCK FOR FAMILY. DO NOT HESITATE CONTACT
US FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.
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